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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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<p align="center">CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10</p> <p>I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on this date July 31, 2006 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EV769933160US addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p>Dated: <u>July 31, 2006</u></p> <p>By: <u></u> Thomas W. Brown</p>
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 30, 2006 please enter the instant Preliminary Amendment in the prosecution of the patent application captioned above. Filed herewith is: i) a "Request For Continued Examination" (as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114) and, "Petition For A Three Month Extension of Time" (as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) along with the requisite fees.

Amendment To The Claims: begin on page two of this paper.

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